



November 2020



Translation from Anishinaabemwin: "The Happenings" or "What is Going on?"

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Our offices are closed to the public until further notice.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd & 17th @ 7:00 p.m.
in Duchesnay

Not open to public during COVID

Submit agenda items by 4pm on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting to: Freda Martel, Director of Administration, by email to fredam@nfn.ca.

Proposed Amendments to Election Code

Community Vote Planned for December 1 - 30

The Election Code Review Committee has recommended six changes to Nipissing First Nation's Custom Election Regulations based on the community consultations and survey completed in 2018, as well as discussions within the committee.

A memo summarizing these proposed changes was mailed to all registered NFN members on October 15th, along with a copy of the committee's report from November 2018 that explained the rationale for each suggested revision. These documents, and other resources, are available to download on our website: <https://www.nfn.ca/election-code/>.

An online information session was held on October 28th with Fred Bellefeuille, Chair of the Election Code Review Committee, to answer questions and collect additional input from members. This feedback will be reported back to Council at their November 3rd meeting.

Summary of Proposed Changes to NFN's Custom Election Regulations

1. To allow on and off reserve electors to run in the election as long as they reside within a 100km radius of the NFN Administration building;
2. To allow for voting over the internet, while maintaining existing voting in person, by mail and advanced poll;
3. To remove the by-election requirement if more than 8 months remains in a term for a vacant councillor seat and instead to recognize the person running for Councillor who finished 8th in the vote in the last election as the replacement Councillor until the next regular election. The requirement to have a by-election for the Chief position will remain unchanged;
4. To include Anishinaabemwin on key words within the Election Code in a manner similar to the NFN Gichi-Naaknigewin (Constitution);
5. To correct spelling and grammatical errors;
6. To amend the appeal system to add clarity.

Next Steps

- **Community Feedback** reported to Council for consideration at their meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd in Duchesnay.
- **Voting Packages** (Notice of Vote, Proposed Amended Election Code, Memo of Changes & Ballot) will be mailed to all eligible voters by November 15th.
- **Voting Period:** Begins December 1st to December 30th via mail-in ballots or online at onefeather.ca/nations/nipissing

For more information, please contact:

Fred Bellefeuille, Chair of Election Code Review Committee at 705-845-1605 or by email to fred_bellefeuille@msn.com.



Public Health Update

As of October 28th, there have been 47 positive cases of COVID-19 in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit area, with 45 listed as resolved (recovered) and one death. There is currently one (1) active case in our region, and over 48,000 tests have been done.

As we prepare to ride out the second wave, remember: the virus doesn't move, people move the virus. Stay home as much as possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit shared the following message in a video update on October 9th:

"In the last few weeks, there have been many changes to the COVID-19 guidelines as the province enters the second wave. As the pandemic changes quickly, so are our recommendations.

Our district continues to experience very few cases of COVID-19, but this is likely to change in the near future. As the second wave unfolds, the time to act is now. It is not the time to be unconcerned.

What I believe to be true, and what has been observed in the first wave, is when public health measures start sooner rather than later, and are followed widely, the positive effect on the long-term outcome is huge. Early sacrifices will result in less illness, death and less economic hardship in the long run. We have a unique opportunity to do this, before the second wave hits locally.

It is my opinion that in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, social interactions should be limited to family and household members only. Travel outside the home should be limited to attending school or work, if unable to work from home, essential trips for groceries, medication and medical appointments. While we are still able to, limit exercise and recreation to outdoor spaces where physical distancing is possible.

Travel outside of our district, especially to areas with high numbers of COVID cases, should be avoided unless for emergencies or urgent medical appointments. The only way to reduce the risk of becoming ill and spreading the virus is to assume everyone we meet outside of our household has COVID-19 and ensure we follow public health recommendations to stay safe.

In addition to previously mentioned recommendations, please practice 2 metre **physical distancing**, use a **face covering**, wash hands frequently and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer often, cough/sneeze into your sleeve, avoid touching your face, stay home from work or school if you feel ill or if you have COVID-19 **symptoms** and arrange to be tested. Work from home if possible.

No one can predict how severe, or how long the second wave will last. What we do know is that we have an opportunity to slow the spread of the virus if we act now. Our health unit district rose to the challenge during the first wave and successfully flattened the curve, resulting in very few illnesses. I'm confident that by working together we can achieve the same goal and keep one another safe and well. Please act now."

Along with following public health measures, knowing what to do if you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 is also key to protect yourself and our community.

COVID-19 Alert App, Self-Assessment & School Screening Tools are available here:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Public Health Information

***NEW* COVID-19 cases in schools & child care centres**

(updated weekdays at 10:30am)
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres>

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

(updated Monday at 9:30am & 3pm and Tues - Friday at 3pm)
<https://www.myhealthunit.ca/>

Cases in Ontario (updated daily at 10:30am)
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

More info/medical advice:

- Telehealth Ontario for medical advice at **1-866-797-0000**
- Local Health Unit at **1-800-563-2808 ext. 5229**
- Your primary health care provider (i.e. Family Doctor)

Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

Think you have COVID-19 symptoms?

Call Telehealth Ontario:
1-866-797-0000 OR use this self-assessment tool to help determine how to seek further care:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

To book a COVID-19 test, contact:

West Nipissing Assessment Centre
 Open 10am - 4pm
 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
 Call 705-580-2186

North Bay Regional Health Centre
 705-474-8600 ext. 4110



Citizenship Committee Survey Report

Miigwech to everyone who took the time to complete a recent survey to assist our Citizenship Committee with their work for our Nation.

The short three-question survey closed on September 30th and all responses were filtered to verify NFN band membership before the report was compiled and submitted to the committee.

Although the survey was, as some respondents noted, somewhat vague - the goal was to learn what the term "citizen" means to you, and to ask what privileges and responsibilities you think should accompany this term.

It must be stressed that this survey will not establish NFN's Citizenship Law, but it will help to better inform the committee in drafting this important law. It allows them to pick up on the discussions they had with community members at various events in 2019.

Community consultations had been scheduled for April 2020, but were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Miigwech for your input!



Council Connection

Keeping Our Community Informed about Key Issues

Statement in Support of Mi'kmaq Fishers *On behalf of Nipissing First Nation's Chief & Council*

(October 22, 2020) – Nipissing First Nation stands with our Mi'kmaq relatives and supports them in exercising their inherent Treaty protected rights, and constitutionally affirmed Aboriginal right to fish. We call on the federal government to defend the rights of the Mi'kmaq, and end the unchecked display of systemic racism in Nova Scotia that is sending a strong (and wrong) signal to all Indigenous people.

The lack of action from government and law enforcement has fueled the crisis and incited violent and destructive criminal acts against Mi'kmaq fishers in recent weeks. The assault of Chief Mike Sack of Sipekne'katik First Nation came the day after commercial fishers surrounded Mi'kmaq fishers in a lobster storage facility, stole their catch and set a van on fire. A few days later, the lobster storage facility was burned to the ground in a massive fire.

The world watched as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) seemed to turn a blind eye to racial violence, vandalism and threats towards Mi'kmaq fishers. This despite the fact that the RCMP has spent over \$13 million on policing the Coastal Gas Link conflict on Wet'suwet'en territory, where they maintained a near constant presence between January 2019 and March 2020. The RCMP let the Mi'kmaq down by failing to protect them.

We are pleased that a court injunction was granted on Wednesday to ensure the safety of Mi'kmaq fishers and that there are finally more police resources on the ground. However, we are also saddened that in 2020, anyone would need an injunction to get police to respond and protect them against violence and harassment. Concrete action from government and law enforcement is needed now, not words of concern, excuses and platitudes.

We expect laws to be enforced for all Canadians; for police to protect everyone from violence; and for justice to be served when anyone commits criminal acts. The silence from our country's leaders and fellow Canadians implies approval of this hateful treatment of Mi'kmaq fishers, and serves to embolden some of the commercial fishermen.

Prime Minister Trudeau has said in the past that no relationship is more important to Canada than the relationship with Indigenous Peoples. Some progress has been made, but if that's really true, why is Canada's rule of law conditional? How can we possibly move forward together in a good way if our leaders won't enforce the most basic laws – those protecting our freedoms – and do so based on principle, not based on preference or prejudice?

The inaction of government and failure of law enforcement to protect Mi'kmaq fishers from these acts of violence and racism is deeply disturbing, and a far cry from reconciliation. It represents nothing short of the violation of Indigenous inherent rights, Treaty rights, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

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Statement in Support of Mi'kmaq Fishers (continued)

Today, more than 20 years after the Supreme Court twice upheld and affirmed Mi'kmaq treaty rights to hunt, fish and gather to earn a 'moderate livelihood', known as the Marshall decision, successive governments have failed to clearly define the term. Commercial fishermen argue that Indigenous fishing is undermining lobster conservation efforts and, by extension, their business.

Yet, as the *New York Times* reported on October 20, 2020, "a professor of biology at Dalhousie University who specializes in fishing sustainability, said the approximately 550 traps being used by the Mi'kmaq were negligible in a province where about 900,000 traps were used for lobster fishing" (Bilefsky, D. 'In Lobster War, Indigenous Canadians Face Attacks by Fishermen' Available at [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)).

This conflict is clearly about greed, intimidation and colonialism, not conservation. After all, the Mi'kmaq have maintained a fishery for thousands of years without overfishing or depleting the fish stocks.

Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott McLeod, who has over 25 years of experience in fisheries management and serves as the Ontario Representative on the National Fisheries Committee, puts it this way:

"I do not support a 'moderate livelihood' for the Mi'kmaq as ruled by seven white judges of the Supreme Court in 1999. I do support a livelihood for the Mi'kmaq that was given to them by our Creator since time immemorial. A livelihood that is equal to any livelihood of non-Indigenous settler Canadians."

Chief McLeod adds, *"This is not simply a Mi'kmaq issue. The Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) is merely 145 years old. It cannot give the Mi'kmaq or other Indigenous peoples something they have had for thousands of years. Our inherent rights were not granted to us by a foreign court system. But what the SCC will try to do is limit our inherent rights by placing arbitrary limitations such as 'moderate livelihood' in their rulings. Not only is such a ruling arbitrary, it is a prime example of systemic racism. In other words, if you are Indigenous you are only entitled to a 'moderate livelihood' but if you are non-Indigenous this restriction does not apply to you."*

Nipissing First Nation stands in solidarity with our Mi'kmaq family, and we support their sovereign right to self-determination, including the inherent right to regulate and harvest their lobster fishery.

As Chief McLeod reminds us, *"Canada is a country of great people of all colours, but it will only be as great as its leadership. Be informed, be vocal, be an ally and help make Canada the country you want it to be. Speak up, even if your voice shakes."*

We encourage everyone to contact your federal Member of Parliament and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to urge them to take action now and affirm the inherent and constitutionally protected treaty rights of the Mi'kmaq. The MP for Nipissing-Timiskaming is Anthony Rota, and you can send correspondence by email to Anthony.Rota@parl.gc.ca or by mail to:

Main Office –North Bay

375 Main Street West
North Bay ON P1B 2T9
705-474-3700

Hill Office

House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6
613-995-6255

**To send support for the fishermen and women, the official Sipekne'katik
1752 Moderate Livelihood e-transfer email is: monicah@sipeknekatik.ca**

Kudos to Alexander Maloney, a passionate Mi'kmaq warrior, who has been showing his support for his people despite being miles away from his home. Alex is the spouse of an NFN member and has organized several rallies in North Bay and Sturgeon Falls to raise awareness of the systemic racism that was on display in Nova Scotia. Read the Bay Today article [HERE](#).



Christmas Distribution Reminder

Each year, Nipissing First Nation distributes shares to registered members from the band revenue account.

Request forms were mailed to all member household in September, and the form is available on our website: <https://www.nfn.ca/christmas-2020/>

Request forms must be submitted every year and shares do not accumulate. Members have until March 31, 2021 to request shares.

Chief and Council approved the following amounts for this year's distribution: \$250 for members aged 0-64, and \$320 for members 65+.

Santa Fund

All band member family units living on NFN who have an annual family income considered "low income" (as verified against the 2019 Low Income Cut-Off Chart) are encouraged to apply for the Santa Fund benefit by **Friday, November 13th**.

Please include the following information in your request: Parent/legal guardian names, Children's names, ages and gender, address and phone number & proof of income. Please contact Debbie or Ginger at 705-753-2050 for more information.

Community Event Updates

It goes without saying that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to adapt the way we do business and deliver services to our members.

We have been able to continue delivering essential services, along with online forums and virtual events, but unfortunately, public health restrictions around gatherings have forced us to cancel all community events for the rest of the year.



Annual Traditional Pow Wow

Although we will all greatly miss this annual celebration of culture and community that brings us together, our Culture Centre has worked hard to coordinate a virtual edition of this year's pow wow.

Sara Cornthwaite, a talented videographer and proud NFN member, was contracted through a tender process to film dancers at their homes the week of October 26th. Sara will be compiling the footage to create a grand entry of our families and of different dance categories. Arts and craft vendors were also invited to set up a display in their yard to be filmed and shared with the community.

We are very excited to see and share the final product with the community. When this project is complete, the video will be available on our website and social media pages. For more information, please contact Mindy Martel, Cultural Events Coordinator at 705-753-2050 ext. 1260 or mindym@nfn.ca.

Zhimaagnishi Giizhgak (Remembrance Day)

Most municipalities are cancelling their Remembrance Day ceremonies this year due to the pandemic, and NFN Council has decided to follow suit. However, our Administration and Culture staff pre-recorded a ceremony with Chief and Council, a drummer and singer, in order to share the ceremony with the community online on November 11th.



Annual Community Meeting

The annual "open house" meeting we usually host every November in Garden Village or Duchesnay is also cancelled, however our administration is looking at alternative ways to report to the membership on our activities and accomplishments for the past fiscal year. More details will be provided in the near future as plans are finalized.

Seniors' Christmas Party & Christmas Tea

The Seniors' Christmas Party and Annual Christmas Tea that so many look forward to each year are also cancelled. We look forward to seeing everyone at these events next year!



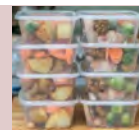
Meal Program for Seniors

Available November 2020 to March 2021

Must be a registered NFN member aged 65 years or older

Program will provide a selection of a few frozen prepared meals each month

Contact Stella Solomon at the NFN Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to place your order and arrange for pick up (some delivery is available on-reserve). Order deadline is November 3rd for availability on November 10th, and December 2nd for availability on December 9th.



2021 Census Jobs

Canada's next census will be conducted in the spring of 2021. For the first time, everyone living in Indigenous communities across Canada will have the ability to fill out the census questionnaire online.

In the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic, responding online is the best way to stay home and stay safe while providing key information that helps your community to plan for the future.

Statistics Canada will be hiring **local staff** for a variety of supervisory and non-supervisory positions in First Nations communities, Metis Settlements, and Inuit communities.

Start and end dates of employment vary by position and location, but are between March and July 2021. Census jobs allow you to contribute directly to your community, while gaining work experience and marketable skills, with only a short-term commitment.

For the safety of both respondents and employees, staff will be provided with personal protective equipment and will practice physical distancing when performing census collection activities.

Statistics Canada is **hiring now** for entry-level, supervisory and managerial positions in select areas across the country. There will be approximately 1,000 office jobs posted from now to the end of 2020. To be eligible, applicants must live in the hiring location identified on the job posting.

Statistics Canada will be **hiring soon** for approximately 32,000 census enumerator and crew leader positions across Canada. Applications will be received as of January 2021.

Learn more at [Census jobs](#), and if you want to be notified when a new job is posted, subscribe to their [email notification service](#) (click on this link, or type statcan.census-recensement.statcan@canada.ca and put "Census Jobs" as the Subject Line of your email).

The census is one of the most important sources of information for our country. Census data is used by Indigenous leadership, governments, businesses, associations, community organizations and many others to make important decisions and to help plan for critical infrastructure such as schools, daycare, housing, hospitals, emergency services, roads, public transportation and employment skills training.

Statistics Canada conducts a census every five years and participation is mandatory.

Below is a snapshot of an infographic about NFN that is available on our website: <https://bit.ly/3jvbVTa>. The graphic illustrates age and sex distribution, family structure, educational attainment, top occupations, labour force participation and earnings in 2016.



Statistics Canada is hiring for the 2021 Census.

We are filling entry-level and supervisory positions.

Visit www.census.gc.ca/jobs to learn more.



Employment Opportunities

To view the complete job posting, please click on the position titles below, visit nfn.ca/jobs, or call 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail, fax or email.

Crisis Support Worker – Ojibway Women's Lodge

– Permanent Full-Time

Apply by Friday, November 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

RECE Teacher – Couchie Memorial Daycare – One Year Contract – 3rd Round Posting

Apply by Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Relief Workers – Ojibway Women's Lodge

Occasional shift coverage – no closing date

School Bus Drivers

Contact Charlene Bellefeuille at 705-753-6995 or by email to charleneb@nfn.ca

Please submit a cover letter and resume before 4:30pm on the deadline by mail, fax to 705-753-0207 or email to resumes@nfn.ca.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Miigwech to all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Status Card Requests

A reminder that members are required to call the office to make an appointment to obtain new or replacement status cards while our offices remain closed to the public.

Please call 705-753-2922 to make an appointment with our Membership Clerk. The following documents are needed to process requests:

- Recent photo
- Two (2) pieces of Identification, such as: birth certificate, health card, driver's licence, passport, or an old status card (as long as the date is not expired)

Guaranteed Income Supplement

Service Canada reminds clients who have not yet submitted 2019 income information to do so as soon as possible.

Clients who do not submit their income information will not receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement, the Allowance, or the Allowance for the Survivor in January 2021. Reminder letters were sent on October 5th by Service Canada.

Contact the Service Canada Outreach Support Centre at **1-877-355-2657** Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4pm.

Transitioning to Employment Insurance

Service Canada announces new Canada Recovery Benefits

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was created to provide an immediate and necessary temporary response to support Canadians, providing up to 28 weeks of income support to those who had to stop working due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government of Canada began transitioning Canadians back to the Employment Insurance (EI) program on September 27, 2020, when some workers began to reach their 28-week maximum of the CERB. [Click here for a one-page overview of this transition.](#)

If have any questions, call the EI Call Centre at 1-800-206-7218 or send an email to ESDC.ON.CSE-ECC.ON.EDSC@servicecanada.gc.ca. You can also contact Tom Lambert, NFN's Employment & Training Manager, at 705-753-6985 or thomasl@nfn.ca for help with EI claims. Tom has received security clearance from Employment and Skills Development Canada to access to their database, meaning Tom can now access EI information to assist members with their claims so that they don't need to try to reach the call centre.

The Government of Canada has also introduced three new benefits, delivered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA):

- **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)** - provides \$500 per week for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate for reasons related to COVID-19, or have underlying conditions that would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.
- **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)** - provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks per household, for eligible people unable to work because they must care for a child under 12 years old or other family member requiring supervised care, who is unable to attend their school or regular care facility due to COVID-19.
- **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)** - provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks, to workers who are self-employed or are not eligible for EI and who still require income support. This benefit supports people who have stopped working due to COVID-19 or whose income has dropped by at least 50% or more. These workers must be available and looking for work, and must accept work when it is reasonable to do so.

Northeastern Ontario Transportation Survey

Ontario is launching an online survey as part of its commitment to improve passenger rail and bus services between Toronto, North Bay, Timmins and Cochrane.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and the closing date is November 20th. Your feedback will help inform the province's plan to improve the transportation system in northeastern Ontario.

Click here to take the survey: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/58928/ontario-seeking-feedback-on-improving-transportation-in-the-northeast>

Did you know? The northeastern rail corridor from Toronto to Cochrane is home to over 3.1 million people.



2013 Boundary Claim Trust - On-Reserve Seat

Accepting Applications for 3-year term (Jan 1, 2021 to Dec 31, 2023)

Nipissing Members who meet the following conditions are eligible to apply for the **on-reserve seat** on the Board of Trustee for the Nipissing First Nation 2013 Boundary Claim Trust:

- ✓ Be a member who has attained at least the age of eighteen years as of the date of his or her appointment as a Nipissing Trustee;
- ✓ Completed high school or the equivalency of a GED;
- ✓ Is not a member of Council as of the date of his or her appointment, as a Nipissing Trustee;
- ✓ Up to the time of applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee not have been declared to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction in Canada or elsewhere;
- ✓ Not have been convicted of an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada that is an indictable offence or a dual offence which the Crown elected to proceed by way of indictment in the five-year period immediately prior to applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee;
- ✓ Not have been declared a bankrupt pursuant to provisions of the Bankruptcy Act in the five year period immediately prior to applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee;
- ✓ Not have been convicted of an offence under such laws relating to the possession, possession for the purpose of trafficking, or trafficking of a prohibited drug in the five-year period immediately prior to applying for the position of a Nipissing Trustee; and
- ✓ The individual must agree in writing to become a party to, and be bound by, the terms of the Trust Agreement and to faithfully and to the best of his or her abilities to carry out the duties of Nipissing Trustee by signing a Nipissing Undertaking of a Trustee's Certificate.

Interested Nipissing members shall provide the following information:

1. A current detailed resume.
2. A statement declaring that you are not in un-discharged bankrupt or insolvent.
3. A current Certified Criminal Records Check.

As required under the Nipissing Trust Agreement the selection of the Nipissing Trustee for this vacant seat shall be a Nipissing Member who resides **On-Reserve**. The appointment will be for a three (3) year term effective Jan 1, 2021 to Dec 31, 2023. Submit application in a sealed envelope marked confidential no later than 4:30 pm on **Friday, November 20th, 2020** to:

Brendan Huston, Chief Executive Officer
Nipissing First Nation
36 Semo Road, Garden Village, Ontario P2B 3K2
or by email to brendanh@nfn.ca

Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin sign historic Protocol and Declaration

Excerpt from the Anishinabek News

On September 9th, at a meeting of Chiefs from the Robinson Huron Treaty territory, the Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin (RHW) signed two historic documents that were solemnized by ceremony.

"We continue to demand that Canada and Ontario respect our inherent rights. The Protocol and Declaration summarizes how we as Anishinaabe work together and protect our resources," Chief Pamajewon.

Please click [here](#) to read the full article on *AnishinabekNews.ca*. The Protocol and Declaration of the RHW can be accessed [here](#).



Download the 16-month Treaty History Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/2T3CDYU> or request a hard copy by mail or curbside pick-up by calling 705-753-2050 or sending an email to genc@nfn.ca.

Robinson Huron WAAWIINDAAMAAGEWIN

TREATY WEEK

November 2 – 6, 2020

RHW Treaty Week Events | Online Sessions

Monday, November 2, 2020	12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn RHW Introduction – Earl Commanda RH Treaty History – Jennifer Simpson
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Evening Armchair Session Exploring Covenant Chain Principles in the RHT Process Alan Corbiere
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	All day	Ceremony & Sweatlodge Feasting All Our Relations – Garden River First Nation
	2:00 p.m.	Technician's Time GIS Portal and UOM Nicki, Jenilee and Cheryl
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Armchair Session Doodem and Council Fire: Anishinaabe Governance through Alliance Heidi Bohaker
Thursday, November 5, 2020	9:30 a.m.	Treaty Talks with our Chiefs Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Gimaa Scott McLeod, Gimaa Dean Sayers and Gimaa Pamajewon
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Armchair Session Colonial Mapping of Lake Huron Josh Manitowabi
Friday, November 6, 2020	12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn RHW Annuities Update Roger Jones



For more information

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RHW1850treaty.com



Board of Directors Elections for the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body

One seat is available in REC #3 for a three-year term of office from 2020-2023. If you are interested in being considered for nomination, please send an email to nancya@nfn.ca with your resume by November 6th at 4:30pm.

In keeping with the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body's (KEB) staggered three-year terms, the term of office for one director in each of the four Regional Education Councils (RECs) will end on November 17th. The remaining directors in each region will continue to serve on the board until the end of their respective terms.

In REC #3, the term of office will end for Marianna Couchie (Nipissing First Nation). Marianna is eligible to be nominated and re-elected, or any other nominated candidate may be eligible to be elected to a three-year term of office from 2020-2023.

Each Participating First Nation in REC #3 may nominate candidates for consideration by the voting delegates of REC #3. The regional selection process that was approved by Anishinabek Grand Council Resolution should be followed, in order to ensure a thorough election.

The voting delegates in REC #3 will vote to elect one of the nominated candidates for the region. A quorum of four (4) First Nations from the region is required on November 17th, in order for REC #3 to select a board member. Each of the First Nations in REC #3 is entitled to one vote in the board selection process.

The following First Nations in REC #3 will receive this letter explaining the board selection process:

- Dokis First Nation
- Henvey Inlet First Nation
- Magnetawan First Nation
- Moose Deer Point First Nation
- Nipissing First Nation
- Wahnapiatae First Nation
- Wasauksing First Nation

This memo, along with related appendices, is available on our website under [Departments > Education > Anishinabek Education System](#), or click [here](#) to download the document.

KEB Welcomes New Director of Education

On behalf of NFN's Director of Education and our Education department team, Nipissing First Nation welcomes **Byron Brisard** to the position of Director of Education for the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. We also thank Andrea Crawford for her service as Acting Director of Education over the past year, and wish her well as she moves to a modified role of Senior Operations Manager when Bryon joins the KEB team on November 2nd.

Bryon is a member of Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Robinson-Superior Treaty. He has served in various roles over the span of his 35-year career in education, and we look forward to working with him when he joins the KEB.

As announced in the *Anishinabek News*, Bryon will lead the KEB's day-to-day administration and will be responsible for working with the Board of Directors to implement the Anishinabek Education System's strategic priorities. He will serve as the main public contact and spokesperson for the organization and will represent the KEB in all professional capacities. Click [here](#) to read the full news release online.

Start to Smart Back to School Drive

Fundraising Drive Raised Money for School Supplies

On Wednesday, October 21st, Staples General Manager Pat Lynch and Kiwanis Club of North Eastern Ontario President Elect Ralph Celentano presented the four area schools boards, plus Nipissing First Nation's Nbisiiing Secondary School, with shared proceeds from community donations received during the 2020 Start to Smart Back to School Drive.

The fundraiser raised \$5,300 and all five organizations received \$1,060 to secure school supplies. It took place from July 17th to September 28th in partnership with Kiwanis Clubs from all across Ontario and Western Canada.

Across Ontario, over \$514,000 was raised for children's back to school activities and initiatives, which will be distributed by 77 Kiwanis Clubs who were actively involved during this challenging year of raising community funds.

A brief presentation was held October 20th to distribute the funds to each of the five organizations.

Jennifer O'Driscoll, Student Success Representative, accepted the community gift card donation on behalf of Nbisiiing Secondary School. Read the article on [BayToday](#).

Seated from Left: Liana Blaskievich NNDSB and Lisa Dumont CSDC Franco-Nord. Standing from Left: Ralph Celentano Kiwanis NEO, Leo de Jourdan NPSCDSB, Jennifer O'Driscoll - Nbisiiing Secondary School, Kyra Loftus, Staples Assistant Manager, Yves Laliberte CSDNE and kneeling is Pat Lynch GM Staples North Bay.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

A Free Book Gifting Program

This program is devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Each month, children receive a high quality, age appropriate book in the mail, free of charge.

Couchie Memorial Daycare is a partner in making the Imagination library program available to First Nation children living on or off reserve. If you know anyone who has children ages 0-5 years and could benefit from free books, please share this information with them. They do not have to be in daycare to register for the book program, but the child(ren) need to be under the age of 5.

The program registration form is provided below and can be returned to Jill Beaucage, Couchie Memorial Daycare Supervisor, by email to jillb@nfn.ca, or call 705-474-9860 for more information.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Registration Form

Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any other purpose than the Imagination Library.

Sign up your child ages 0-5 years old. Fill in form and mail to address below.*

Child's Last Name:	Child's First Name:	
Child's birthday (MM/DD/YYYY):	Child: Male or Female	
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Parent/Guardian's Last Name:	Parent/Guardian's First Name:	
Where did you hear about the Imagination Library?		

Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

During this trying time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is much more difficult to connect with others socially except through telephone, media, or online. According to The Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) website, more people are showing signs of depression, anxiety and increased mental health and addiction issues, which is why people need all the support they can get. Together, we can give people hope for a better tomorrow.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is Saturday, November 21st and provides an opportunity for survivors of suicide loss to come together to find connection, understanding, support and hope through their shared experiences of this tragic event in their lives. When someone commits suicide, they affect everyone who knew and loved them. For many people, grief and trauma can be especially difficult, because the death is self-inflicted, coming to terms with the reasons and the stigma associated with it often makes it very hard to deal with. But **together**, we can prevent suicide. Take time to listen to memories or shared stories of their loved one, or light a candle of support on Saturday November 21st.

Here is some important information from the CAMH website: www.camh.ca

People who are at risk for suicide may:

- show a sudden change in mood or behaviour
- show a sense of hopelessness and helplessness
- express the wish to die or end their life
- increase substance use
- withdraw from people and activities that they previously enjoyed
- experience changes in sleeping patterns
- have a decreased appetite
- give away prized possessions or make preparations for their death

People at a higher risk of suicide include those who:

- have a serious mental health and/or addiction problem
- have had a recent major loss (for example, the death of a loved one or a job loss)
- have a family history of suicide
- have made previous suicide attempts
- have a serious physical illness
- have an impulsive personality
- lack support from family or friends
- have access to weapons, medications or other lethal means of suicide.

What if someone I know shows warning signs for suicide?

- Take them to the nearest hospital emergency department, if you can do so safely.
- If the person will not go to the hospital or you're unsure if this is the right thing to do, get help from a health care provider as quickly as possible. You can call the person's health care team or a crisis line.
- If your loved one is attempting or about to attempt suicide, and you are not at risk, do not leave them alone and call 911.
- Keep yourself safe.

What should I do if someone has attempted suicide?

Remain calm and call 911



**For more information on Mental Health and Addictions
Call Giyak Moseng (The Right Path) Counselling & Prevention Services
at (705) 753-1375**

Gathering Circle

Every Wednesday from 11am – 7pm
@ Right Path Tiipii – 316 Ted Commanda Dr.

Physical distancing protocols will be followed at all times.
Personal Protective Equipment available as needed.



**DriveThru
Flu Shot**

Thursday, November 5th ~ 11am - 6pm

Couchie Memorial Daycare Parking Lot

Saturday, November 7th ~ 8am - 6pm

Lawrence Commanda Health Centre Parking Lot

**For detailed immunization information, or to
book a private in-home or in-clinic appt, call
the Health Centre at 705-753-3312.**

**Flu shots are also available by appt through
our local Health Unit or at area pharmacies.**

DRIVE BY ON NOVEMBER 4TH TO CELEBRATE
WORLD DIABETES DAY

Drive or walk by and answer a diabetes trivia
question to win a prize pack!
Limited packages available so be sure to
stop by early!

We will be at 2 locations:
9-11am: Lawrence Commanda Health Centre
1:30-3:30pm: Duchesnay Community Hall

Phone Stella or Erika for any questions @ 753-3312

Nbisiing Nishnaabemwin

Mtikmeg Giizis (Whitefish Moon - November)
Mtaaswi shi bezhig (Eleventh Moon of Creation)

Mtikmeg Giizis ntaaswi shi-bezhik giizis egoojing gaa zhinikaazod.

Mtikmeg Giizis zhinikaazo.

Mii maa pii naangoog binaagziwaad maa Mtakmikwe ng besho bi-waaseyaazhewak.

Pii giizhgak noonj wa giizis mina wasa nendaagzi mina go ge niw-aankwadoon, noodin mina gimiwong pii kina aabchi nkamwaashwaad mtakmikweng ni- aazhkebzod giizhgong baabiimskwaashwaad giizhgong.

Mii maa i-pii kina maadziwin ni pkaanendaawak, wesiiyag maajidiwak, mina nibii'waan ni-aanjnaaziwan nwaach ni gabiiwewag

giigooyag noonj jiikbiik bi-yaawag naasaab bineshiyag, gii-zhiitaawaad ji-maamwi ji-zhaawaad wedi Gchi-twaa mkadekewkeng

Whitefish moon is the eleventh moon of Creation.

This is a time when the stars in the night sky of the universe are closer to Mother Earth and brighter.

During the day the warmth of the sun is becoming more distant.

The clouds, wind and rains, are traveling across Mother Earth more frequently than any other cycle of the moons.

At this time all Creation is being transformed. The animals are gathering together.

While their furs are changing color and becoming thicker.

The fish are beginning to come closer to shore.

The birds are flocking together in their many formations.

All are praying for the long journeys to the sacred circle of the fasting grounds.

Nishnaabeg Kidwenan (Words)

Mtikmeg	white fish	Zhimaagnishii Giizhgat	Veterans Day
Gaawbiiwnong	west	Gchi-miigaadwin	world war
Mkadewaa	black	Waabgwaniin pkidnaan	lay a wreath
Zhimaagnishii Giizhgak	Remembrance Day	Miigwechwendaamin	be thankful
Gchi miigaadin	world war	Gete zhimaagnish	veteran
Zhimaagnish	soldier	Zoongde'ewin	bravery
Gmikwenmigoom	we remember you	Zaagidwin	love
Noongom	today	Mshkawziwin	strength
Mikwendmaadaa	let's remember		

Gchi –miigwechwiyaanaan Zhimaagnag giinwaa gaa-zhaayeg

Gchi – miigaading 1914- 1918 mina 1939-1945.

Mii noongom maa enji-naaniibwiyaang mikwendmigooyeg

Gchi- miigwechwigoom, Gzaagigoom

Gniijaansinaanik nji-waabnamwaad mina kinooman-gidwaa ji-niikeskwaa enji-mno-maadzing maa dash nda-kiimnaan .

Nawendaagninaanik gaa zhaajik

Nbisiing Nishnaabeg. Gchi miigwech

We thank you Veterans that went to world war 1914- 1918 and 1939-1945

We thank you and Love you

To teach our children to not forget why we gather today

Our relatives from Nipissing First Nations that went to war

So we can live a good life.

Zhimaagnishii Giizhgak

Veterans Day 2020

Mtkmeg Giizis

Whitefish Story as told by Clarence Chevrier

Mii ipii edekenmaan geniin gaa bi-zhichkeckpanko nbaa-baaban. Wedi gaaming Waashkaang enso- dkwaagig pgid-waabniig ni-dbikak gegaago ngo dbagan ,kidooban ipii maanebniig mtkmegwak. Pii dash mii wi-naadsabiinyaang niibwa mtkmegwak gii gokewak sabiing. Gii shkwaa gwaabiignaawaa gii gaashkwaawaadni gaawnan eta mina bgojiibnaawaan . Chi- kikong maa saawaad ni giigooyan zhiwtaagan emaangaag toontaawaa. Mii dash gbe'ii nji-gbisewaad nji-wiisniwaad pe-poon. Kiimooj gii nankiimin.

Miii- Nbaabaaban minwa Nmaamaaban gaa enaajmowaapan.

This story he told is what his family did to have food for the winter. They would go set nets and wait about an hour then go lift the net. There was so many fish back then. How he cleaned fish he said they scaled it and gutted it. They would put all the fish in big bins with coarse salt that last till spring to feed us for the winter. It was done secretly because MNR was always after the people. (Clarence Chevrier's family was considered "non-status anishinaabe" at the time by the government. They spoke the language fluently and they had missed the native registration dates set up by the government. This also happened to the Whiteducks, McQuaabies, Stevens and Larivieres). Miigwech

Nbisiing Nishaabe Gaabinaadziwaad Gamig – NFN Culture Centre

*****We gratefully acknowledge our fluent speakers*****

Nishnaabekwewak Stories of Leadership

By Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage

One important aspect of the historical work for our book *Gaa Bi Kidwaad Maa Nbisiing* has been to centre, listen to, and share the stories of Nbisiing Nishnaabekwewak. Centring the stories of women includes centring the teachings these stories carry about the strength and leadership of women and the importance of caring for the next seven generations.

While the Nipissing Homemakers Club was our entry point for exploring the leadership histories of Nbisiing Nishnaabekwewak, when we ask Joan McLeod, daughter of Nbisiing leader Leda McLeod, about the women involved in the Homemakers Club, she reminded us that the women who would become part of the club were already working together. 'In fact,' she explained, 'the Nipissing people have always placed great emphasis on caring for one another, it did not mean we all agreed, but there is plenty of historical documentation to make our care for one another clear' (Joan McLeod, interview with Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage, Garden Village, NFN, 12 August 2019).

Leda McLeod, who raised twenty children, is remembered by many for her strong (even tenacious) leadership inside and outside community, particularly in the area of education. She has been described as a feminist by family members for the ways in which she sounded her voice to make change, even

when it was exceptionally tricky. As her daughter, Joan McLeod, explained:

She was a dynamo. She was very strong... She was a woman born at the wrong time... but at the same time it was because of my mother and women like her that our community is as stable as it is today. They went through the most difficult years (McLeod interview, 12 August 2019).

There are several stories we can share about the changes that occurred at Nipissing as a result of Leda's leadership but we will focus on one that reflects her commitment to education and to children.



Nishnaabekwewak Stories of Leadership - Continued

Leda led a successful four-year (1971–1975) campaign to get a trustee from Nipissing First Nation on the Catholic District School Board. Both then and now, most children from NFN attended schools within this school board and, unsurprisingly, leaders in the community thought that Nipissing should have a voice in board decisions.

When a motion to create a trustee position for NFN was defeated in 1971, Leda led a campaign that involved letter writing, building relationships across the territory, gathering information, and organizing protests.

In 1971, Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer (then Commanda), wrote a letter to an area newspaper arguing that democracy was seriously compromised by the decision to deny NFN a position on the school board.

Occasionally it is forgotten that we live in a democratic society, in which every group should be represented to voice its opinions and ideas... Has it ever occurred to some people that we, the Indian people, also live in this country. That we, the Indian people, also must compete and survive in this 'great white culture'. We must educate ourselves to your ideas to make any sort of headway (Muriel Commanda, 'Indians and Democracy,' *North Bay Nugget*, 1971, CD 1, Newspaper Clippings 1960-1975, File 45, Nipissing First Nation Heritage Collection at Nipissing First Nation, NHC).

When motions were defeated at subsequent board meetings, the protest momentum picked up among Nishnaabeg and non-Nishnaabeg community members.

In 1973, Parent Teacher Associations from area schools wrote a letter in support. In 1974, the Minister of Education investigated the matter and noted that 107 NFN children attended separate schools in the area, making board representation mandatory under the Schools Administration Act, he stated that Indian Affairs would cut off funding from boards that did not allow for Indigenous representation.

The school board disputed the number, saying six of the 107 had been incorrectly counted. The case went all the way to Supreme Court of Ontario. By early 1975, things were getting heated. At the inaugural meeting of the year, Reverend Jim Hutton refused to bless the new school board, stating that the vote defeating representation for NFN indicated that 'in his humble opinion the board needs more than a blessing it needs an exorcism' (*North Bay Nugget*, 9 & 15 January 1975, CD 1, Newspaper Clippings, 1960-1979, File 103, NHC)

In the same week, 75 per cent of Our Lady of Sorrows students, which amounted to 265 pupils, walked out in a show of support. Walkouts occurred at sister schools in the nearby City of North Bay (*North Bay Nugget*, 21 January 1975, CD 1, Newspaper Clippings, 1960-1979, File 106, NHC).

As the next vote approached, Leda McLeod asserted that NFN would be removing its students from the schools in the board as early as the following week ('Delegation to Press Bid for Indian Representation', *North Bay Nugget*, 12 February 1975).

At the February 1975 meeting over a 100 people appeared for the board vote. NFN community member Isadore Beaucage was sworn in as a trustee on 4 March 1975, a position that remains in place to this day.

Histories such as this one remind us of the strong Nishnaabekwewak in our community, and the ways they have sounded their voices to make change and build relationships to care for us in the present and for the future.

Gchi-miigwech.



**Homemakers Seniors'
Christmas Celebration**

Cultural & Family Events



Birch Bark Basket Making

with Lily Armstrong on Monday, November 9th

Session will be facilitated online via Zoom.
\$10 Fee. Registration priority to NFN Members.

Register with Mindy Martel at 705-753-2050 ext. 1260
or by email to mindym@nfn.ca.



Nishnaabemwin Bingo

Sunday, November 22nd from 12:30pm - 4:00pm

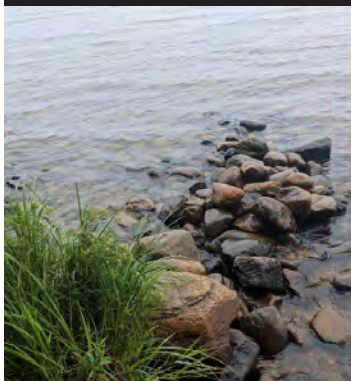
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via Zoom by the Native Child Welfare Prevention Program.

Register with Brady Penasse at 705-753-2050 ext. 1274
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Pop Up Events

Watch the Native Child Welfare Program's Facebook page [@NFNNCW](https://www.facebook.com/NFNNCW) for pop up events that can win you extra ballots or even some prizes... you will have 2 days to sign up from the time the event is posted!



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in the Spotlight

'I've Been Fighting For this Forever'

Dot Beaucage-Kennedy celebrates provincial recognition of Indigenous marriage ceremonies

Excerpt from *North Bay Nugget* (October 12, 2020)

Dot Beaucage-Kennedy has finally won the battle she's been waging for more than 20 years. "It goes way back," Beaucage-Kennedy says. "I've been fighting for this forever."

Back in 1999, Beaucage-Kennedy – her Ojibway spirit name is Ognee kwe, or Rose Woman – began fighting for the right to conduct traditional weddings on First Nations, something with "no paper, no licence. In our eyes, they were married."

She has files upon files of correspondence with various provincial ministries and agencies arguing for the right to perform marriage ceremonies in traditional forms. The various files – "These are the ones I could find" – probably weigh about 10 pounds. "I went to Toronto and I kept sending papers and papers, but I kept running into roadblocks," Beaucage-Kennedy says. She was, she admits "a real pain in the butt."

On October 9th, the province announced it was legally recognizing the role of Indigenous marriage officiants and ceremonies. The new rules came into effect immediately. It's a change that has Beaucage-Kennedy almost giddy with excitement.

"They have acknowledged us, that is what is so important," she says. "It's just so exciting. Everyone was calling me last night. I can't believe this has worked."

Beaucage-Kennedy has been conducting traditional marriage ceremonies for about five years, but had to perform them under the auspices of the Clergy Support Memorial Church (CSMC). The new rules enable Indigenous officiants to perform marriage ceremonies according to their customs and traditions, and submit a marriage for registration with the Ontario Registrar General.

The change allows a person to solemnize a marriage in Ontario if they belong to a band, a First Nation, Metis or Inuit organization or community, or a permanently established Indigenous entity in Ontario, if they are recognized by the band, First Nation, Metis or Inuit organization or community and are registered to solemnize marriages under the Marriage Act.

"I enjoy what I do. I love it," Beaucage-Kennedy says. Marriage "is a very special day for them. I can go anywhere, way back in the bush if that is where they want to do it."

Now, Beaucage-Kennedy will be able to perform ceremonies without having to be affiliated with any outside group. "It means more freedom for me," she says. "I have a problem charging people money. It's not about money. It is a ceremony. It is one of the biggest ceremonies anyone can have."

Although she is affiliated with the CSMC, "I'm not affiliated with any religion. My church is wherever my body is, wherever my spirit is. I don't need a building." It also opens the door to training and preparing others to perform the ceremonies.

Beaucage-Kennedy always has a helper with her, helping prepare whatever is needed, whether the ceremony is being conducted in her yard in a teepee, whether there will be a pipe ceremony, whether participants will be dressed in their regalia or whether they will have a blanket ceremony.

"People want traditional weddings," she says. One of her proudest moments was when she received the band council resolution "two chiefs ago" calling for her to be recognized as a wedding officiant for Nipissing First Nation. "From Day 1, I had the support of the band, of the Union of Ontario Indians" and the Assembly of First Nations, recognizing her as an Elder and a Grandmother.

"I am so proud of this," Beaucage-Kennedy says. "When you get the support from your leadership, it is so important."



Chi-Miigwech to our Kind & Caring Community Members

In times of need, our community sure knows how to pull together and help each other out. We want to say Chi-Miigwech to the following people for giving back to support our community:

- **Andrew Penasse** — donated a whole butchered moose to the NFN Food Bank. This will be distributed to Elders and other members. His generosity is greatly appreciated!!
- **Pamela Goulais** - donated \$500 that she fundraised for the Ojibway Women's Lodge.
- **Christine Whiteduck-Ringuette** - donated both cloth and disposal face masks to the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre. Christine owns a medical equipment store in Montreal and kindly donated these masks to assist the NFN community.
- **Lynn Otonicar** - rallied the Beaucage community to collect donations and raise funds for the NFN Food Bank. Beaucage residents collected 205 pounds of food and raised \$129 by baking and selling dog treats. Now, they are challenging other NFN communities to donate to the Food Bank!!!



Chi-Miigwech everyone for your kindness and generosity during these difficult times.

Short Film 'Nbisiing' by Cole Stevens featured by National Film Board

Excerpt from the Anishinabek News - click [here](#) to read the full article by Rick Garrick

Nipissing filmmaker Cole Forrest Stevens focused on his return to his community during the COVID-19 pandemic and his connection to the water while creating his recently released film: Nbisiing. Watch it here: nfb.ca/film/nbisiing/

The five-minute documentary film was one of seven films released on Oct. 13 on the National Film Board's The Curve website, a collection of animation, documentary and digital storytelling projects that give voice to those touched by the pandemic.

"This film is kind of like a documentation of me coming back to my community and sort of going deeper with my connection to it; connection to the water, the land, all the pieces of the community that I've always been around but I haven't really explored in this way," says Forrest, a George Brown College Video Design and Production graduate.

"Literally all of my family is here, all of my partner's family is here. If there was a way for me to be in this really weird space with pandemic, I wanted to be in my community... just something so simple as putting your hands in the water - it feels so good."

Logan Staats spent a week on NFN in October on a song writing retreat to finish his new album. Staats achieved mainstream success throughout 2018, and won the first season of CTV's "The Launch" in 2019.

He performed live online to show his appreciation to our community.

In an interview with BayToday about the performance, he said:

"People are struggling to stay positive," said Staats. "We all need to feel a human connection. As an artist, we can share a human connection through our music and show people no matter what is going on in life, you belong, you are loved, you matter. When I saw an opportunity to just share music with a welcoming community such as Nipissing, I just had to get on Facebook and sing."

Read the full article and get the link to the performance by clicking [here](#).





Calling all Arts/Craft Vendors & Home-Based Sales Reps!

Are you an arts and/or craft vendor? Are you a representative or consultant for a sales company like Avon, Tupperware, Scentsy, Discovery Toys, etc.?

If so, do you want to advertise for *free* right here in this newsletter?

Starting in December, we will provide a listing of all sales reps and vendors who are interested in being included on this list to advertise their products and services to the community.

For more details, or to provide your business and contact information, please contact: Gen Couchie at 705-753-2050 x 1270 or genc@nfn.ca.





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November 2020

Mtikmeg Giizis (Whitefish Moon)

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Garbage collection is every Monday (except holidays) and Recycling collection is every second Tuesday. ○ = Garbage □ = Recycling <i>Watch for details of a new NFN Waste App coming soon!</i>	2	3 <i>Order Deadline:</i> Seniors' Meals for November p. 5 Council Meeting 7pm - Duchesnay	4  World Diabetes Day 9-11am @ LCHC 1:30-3:30pm @ Duchesnay Hall Gathering Circle @ Right Path Tiipii from 11am - 7pm Every Wed til Dec 16 (except Nov 11)	5   <i>Get Your Flu Shot!</i> 11am - 6pm @ Couchie Memorial Daycare Parking Lot	6 <i>Deadline:</i> Snow plowing tenders for commercial lots and seniors' driveways	7   <i>Get Your Flu Shot!</i> 8am - 6pm @ Lawrence Commanda Health Centre Parking Lot
TREATY WEEK – NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2020 (see page 9 for RHW Events)						
8	9 Birch Bark Basket Making w/ Lily Armstrong Online via Zoom \$10 – Register with Mindy	10	11 OFFICES CLOSED  REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	13	14
15	16	17 Council Meeting 7pm – Duchesnay Closed to public during COVID-19	18  Gathering Circle @ Right Path Tiipii from 11am - 7pm	19 Good Food Box Pickups/Deliveries 	20 <i>Deadline:</i> 2013 Boundary Claim Trust On-Reserve Seat Applications	21 <i>Survivors of Suicide Loss Day</i>
22 Nishnaabemwin Bingo – All Ages 12:30pm – 4pm Register w/ Brady	23	24	25 Gathering Circle @ Right Path Tiipii from 11am - 7pm	26 Xmas Distribution Cheques Mailed for requests rec'd by October 23 rd	27 Xmas Distribution Direct Deposits for requests rec'd by October 23 rd	28
29	30	Food Bank Access Days are the <u>1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month</u> Order form at nfn.ca/food-bank or call 705-753-6972 for more information & eligibility		Contact Us 36 Semo Road Garden Village ON P2B 3K2 TEL: (705) 753-2050 FAX: (705) 753-0207 WEB: www.nfn.ca		



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